

REMARKS

Claim 1-19 are pending in the instant application. No claims have been added. Claims 5, 11, 13, and 19 have been cancelled. Therefore, upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 14-18 will be pending.

Claims 11 and 13 have been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3-8, 11-14, 20, 22-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(e) as being by Xiong (US Patent publication 2004/0198261). Claims 2, 9, 15, and 21 where rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Xiong. These rejections are moot.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to have the limitations of claims 1 and 5. Claims 2 and 4 depend upon claim 1. Claim 3, depends upon claim 2.

Applicant has amended claim 6 to have the limitations of claims 6 and 11. claims 7, 8 and 10 depend upon claim 6. Claim 9 depends upon claim 8.

Applicant has amended claim 12 to have the limitations of claims 12 and 13. Claim 14 and 15 depends upon claim 12.

Applicant has amended claim 16 to have the limitations of claims 16 and 19. Claims 17 and 18 depend upon claim 16.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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